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*card*  
Mr. F. M. Marcheville/  
American Legion, Department of  
New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Marcheville:

Thank you and the members of the American Legion Department of New Mexico for the citation for meritorious service presented to me as Director of Central Intelligence. Your telegram of December 23 and the arrival of the certificate on Christmas Eve helped make my Christmas a pleasant one indeed.

You inquired whether the New Mexico Department should ask any Legion official in Washington to make an official presentation to me of the certificate in the name of the Department of New Mexico. I want you to know that I appreciate having received the certificate from you, Commander McAttee and Adjutant Falls, and nothing would be added to this distinction by having someone outside of the Department of New Mexico make a presentation to me.

Best wishes for a happy New Year to you and the membership of the American Legion, Department of New Mexico.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in paragraph 3.
2. Attention is invited to the suggestion in the telegram of 23 December 1958 from F. M. Kercheville, American Legion, Department of New Mexico, that maybe someone in the American Legion in Washington would present the citation for meritorious service to you on behalf of the Department of New Mexico.
3. This citation to you is not a national one and was actually made on 29 June 1958 so I would recommend that we not ask that the presentation be made by an official of the Legion in Washington. Instead, I recommend that you send a letter to Mr. Kercheville, (attached) thanking him for this distinction which helped make your Christmas a more happy one, it having arrived (as was intended) on Christmas Eve.

[Redacted Signature Box]

STANLEY J. GROGAN  
Assistant to the Director

cc: DDCI (w/o attach.)

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